with a decline of Rs. 2,390 crore (0.6 per cent) recorded in the comparable period of 1995-96.

The interest rate structure prescribed by RBI to scheduled commercial banks has been deregulated considerably. Banks are now free to determine the term deposits rates for maturities over one year they offer to the public. Similarly, for credit limits over Rs. 2.00 lakh, banks are free to determine their own lending rates. While fixing their deposit and lending rates, banks take into account the cost and likely return on deployment of funds. To guard against banks offering/charging unduly high rates, they have been cautioned to ensure that the interest rates they prescribe need to be sustainable. Also, prescription of prudential norms relating to income recognition, capital adequacy and provisioning is a major safeguard in the matter of sustainability of the interest rates offered/ charged by banks.

[Translation]

Notional Dumps in BCCL

4589. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Notional Dumps in the collieries of B.C.C.L.;

(b) the locations thereof and the expenditure incurred thereon;

(c) the difference between the centralised coal dump and Notional coal dump and utility thereof, separately;

(d) the amount of dump charge collected per ton on the coal sold from Notional coal dumps; and

(e) the quantum of coal sold from the Notional coal dumps of B.C.C.L. and the dump charge collected in lieu thereof during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b). As reported by Coal India Limited (CIL), 15 Notional Coal Dumps are located in the collieries of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL). They are located as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of Notional Coal Dump	Locations
1.	Damoda Satelite Stockyards	Barora Area
2.	Muraidih Satelite Stockyards	Barora area
3.	JOCP Satelite Stockyards	Block-II Area
4.	Nudkhurkee Satelite Stockyard	Block-II Area
5.	Benidih Satelite Stockyard	Block-II Area
6.	Akashkinari Satelite Stockyard	Govindpur Area
7.	Govindpur/Block-IV Satelite Stockyards	Govindpur Area
8.	Sendra Bansjora Satelite Stockyards	Sijua area
9.	Tetulmari CHP Satelite Stockyards	Sijua Area
10.	Nichitpur Satelite Stockyards	Sijua Area
11.	Bastacolla Satelite Stockyards	Bastacolla Area
12.	Dabari Satelite Stockyards	Bastacolla Area
13.	Kuya Satelite Stockyards	Bastacolla Area
14.	Bera Satelite Stockyards	Bastacolla Area
15.	Jeennagora Satelite Stockyards	Lodna Area

Coal India Limited have reported that the properties and staff of these dumps belong to collieries to which such dumps are attached. As such there is no separate booking of such expenditure incurred on these dumps.

(c) Central coal dumps function as a separate unit with its own independent staff, equipment and other facilities.

Notional Coal Dumps are on the other hand attached to the collieries, and separate establishment and other large facilities are not provided. The staff, equipment and other facilities of the collieries are utilised for Notional Dumps also.

The dump charges were fixed at Rs. 43/- per tonne for the period between 13.1.92 to 31.12.95 which was later enhanced to Rs. 80/- per tonne with effect from 1.1.96

(e) The quantity of coal sold through the Notional Dumps in BCCL and the amount collected as dump charges during the last three years were as under:-

	Quantity sold through Notional Dump (In tonnes)	Amount collected (Rs. in lakhs)
1994	9,44,649	453.43
1995	13,37,105	641.81
1996 (upto August)	8,54,677	683.74